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SUBJECT: DANISH DEMARCHE TO PORTUGAL

1. IN MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN
ON APRIL 2 I TOLD HIM THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI HAD MADE
A STRONG REPRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES (LISBON
1703). ANDERSEN SAID THAT THE DANISH AMBASSADOR IN
LISBON HAD BEEN ASKED TO CALL ON COSTA GOMEZ AND WOULD,
HE THOUGH DO SO APRIL 2. HE WOULD EXPRESS DANISH CON-
CERN AT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND STRESS HOW IMPORTANT IT
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IS TO DENMARK TO SEE THE CONTINUATION OF A DEMOCRATIC

DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL. THE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN TOLD THAT HE COULD EXPRESS THIS SAME SENTIMENT IN "OTHER CHANNELS" AS WELL AS TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. I SAID I THOUGH THIS DANISH ACTION WAS IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NATO ALLIANCE SINCE ALL OF US HAD TO DO WHAT WE COULD TO ASSIST IN THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION. ANDERSEN SAID DANISH GOVERNMENTS WERE TRADITIONALLY OPPOSED TO NON-DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS. THE DANES WERE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAD ALWAYS BEEN CRITICAL OF THE PORTUGAL OF SALAZAR. I SAID THIS WAS A POINT IN DANISH FAVOR AT PRESENT AND MIGHT MAKE THE PORTUGUESE MORE APT TO LISTEN TO THEM WHEN THEY WARN OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

3. ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOING TO DUBLIN NEXT WEEK FOR AN INFORMAL POLITICAL DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER EC FOREIGN MINISTERS. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO AGENDA, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEY WOULD AT LEAST DISCUSS PORTUGAL AND THE MIDDLE EAST. FINALLY, HE ADDED, HE DID NOT INTEND TO PUBLICIZE THE DANISH DEMARCHE IN LISBON AT THIS TIME.

4. COMMENT: I REGARD THE DANISH DECISION TO MAKE A DEMARCHE IN PORTUGAL AS A PLUS AND WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO KEEP WORKING ON THE PORTUGUESE THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNELS THEY FIND EFFECTIVE.
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